

SENATE RESOLUTION 160

By McLeary

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the citizens of Gibson County upon the completion of their new correctional facility, the Gibson County Correctional Complex.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those exemplary institutions that, through their abiding commitment to the needs of their communities, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Gibson County will be celebrating the official opening of the Gibson County Correctional Complex with a Grand Opening Event on June 29th, 2006; and

WHEREAS, it was through the steadfast support of the community and its leaders that the new correctional facility was constructed; and

WHEREAS, the Gibson County Jail has been formally renamed the Gibson County Correctional Complex, and county officials are asking residents to not only use the new terminology, but also to consider the philosophy behind the name change; and

WHEREAS, Gibson County commissioners have noted that the county now has a correctional complex other counties can look to as a model; yet more than that, the term "correctional institute" should inform the public of the necessity of the importance of public education as an integral part of the correctional approach; and

WHEREAS, in early 2004, Mayor Ronnie Riley and Sheriff Joe Shepard initiated the process, and Gibson County soon began building a new jail; and

WHEREAS, Greer Lashlee of Lashlee Rich Construction and Jim Lankford of Spirit Architect in Memphis worked tirelessly to make the new correctional facility a reality for the citizens of Gibson County; and

WHEREAS, with an estimated cost of 9.6 million dollars, the Gibson County Correctional Complex will have over 335 state-certified inmate beds; and

WHEREAS, Phase One of the complex, located just off Court Square at 401 North College Street in Trenton, will be formally dedicated on June 29, 2006, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring Mayor Riley and Sheriff Shepard; and

WHEREAS, the entire complex is set to be completed November 30, 2006, despite the recent storm damage; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the steadfast efforts of the citizens and elected officials of Gibson County in constructing their new correctional facility; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and congratulate the citizens of Gibson County upon the completion of the County's new correctional facility, the Gibson County Correctional Complex, and salute them on their untiring commitment to the betterment of their community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.